

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLACE, REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 JULY 2022 AT WELLINGTON HOUSE,
WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS LS1 2DE**

Present:

Councillor Denise Jeffery (Chair)
Councillor Darren Byford
Councillor Helen Hayden
Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw
Councillor Jane Scullion
Lisa Littlefair
Stephen Moore
Sam Keighley

Wakefield Council
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Leeds City Council
Bradford Council
Calderdale Council
Private Sector Representative
Private Sector Representative
Advisory Representative

In attendance:

Melanie Corcoran
Patricia Davey
Helen Forman
Liz Hunter
Thomas Purvis
Justin Wilson
Janette Woodcock

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1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillor Denise Craghill, Amir Hussain and Ben Aspinall.

2. Declaration of Disposable Pecuniary Interests

There were no items of disclosable pecuniary interest declared.

3. Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: That in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendices 1 of Agenda item 9 and Appendix 1 of Agenda item 10 on the grounds that they are likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and for the reasons set out in the report that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption

outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2022

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2002 be approved.

5. Governance Arrangements

The Committee considered a report to advise of the governance arrangements approved by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority) at the Annual Meeting on 23 June 2022 in respect of the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee.

Resolved: That the contents of the report advising of the Governance Arrangements of the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee be noted.

6. Programme Development Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure

The Committee considered a report and verbal update to engage the Committee as part of early-stage pipeline and programme development work and to inform thinking around the future role of the Combined Authority in delivering place and infrastructure pipelines and programmes.

The Committee discussed and gave their views on the themes - Housing, Digital Infrastructure, Flood Risk, Design Quality, Safer and Stronger Communities, Employment Opportunities and Greener Infrastructure and provided their comment and feedback on what they felt were the key areas that programme development should target.

The Committee discussed where they felt there were gaps in place making landscapes and where the Combined Authority could provide added value and what principles should be used to support prioritisation of investments

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report and update be noted.
- (ii) That the feedback from the Committee on the approach to prioritisation and the principles to be applied be noted.

7. Housing Pipeline Revenue Fund Update

The Committee considered a report and verbal update on the Housing Revenue Pipeline Fund programme.

The Combined Authority secured £3.2 million of revenue funding through the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal. The funding is to develop projects on the strategic housing pipeline from concept to feasibility, creating delivery ready schemes.

Since the announcement of the devolved funding the programme has been taken through the Combined Authority Assurance Process. This involved a review to ensure it aligned to the Combined Authority's strategic objectives and subsequently with the mayor's pledge to deliver 5000 affordable and sustainable homes.

Resolved: That the contents of the report and verbal update be noted.

8. Safer Parks

The Committee considered a report and verbal update to brief members on the Safer Parks research project, with the intention of a further paper at the September meeting to discuss the findings.

In October 2021, the Combined Authority won £383k of Home Office 'Safer Streets' funding to support the safety of women and girls in parks. The bid was a collaboration between the policy team and the policing and crime team and included proposals for the following:

- £100k to make physical changes to 10 local parks (2 per district)
- £130k for 'reclaim the space' community activities in these parks for women and girls (such as yoga, running, boxercise)
- £98k for research with the University of Leeds on women and girls' perception of safety in parks

Governance of the bid and project is through the Policing and Crime Executive chaired by DMPC Alison Lowe and due to the joint working/cross-cutting themes it was thought appropriate to update the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee on responses to questions asked during research.

Members discussed and provided feedback on the research so far, thanked Helen for her work and involvement and looked forward to receiving a further paper.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted
- (ii) That feedback from the Committee members be noted.

9. Digital Infrastructure

The Committee considered a report and verbal update on the Combined Authority's work on digital infrastructure, and to provide an update on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's (DCMS) national Project Gigabit initiative and the implications for West Yorkshire.

The Committee was asked to endorse proposals to utilise West Yorkshire and York Superfast Broadband Gainshare and the creation of a new officer role (Grade L) utilising Broadband Gainshare

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report and verbal update be noted.
- (ii) That proposals to commence project development work on a new digital infrastructure project utilising Broadband Gainshare be endorsed.
- (iii) That proposals to support delivery of Project Gigabit by creating a new officer role (Grade L) utilising Broadband Gainshare be endorsed.

10. Brownfield Housing Programme

The Committee considered a report and verbal update on delivery of the Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) and changes to the pipeline of projects.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
 - (i) That the work undertaken so far on the Brownfield Housing Fund programme and the updated pipeline of projects be endorsed.
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